

'ayaigansk
winomlk
gankardz

Abstr. Narr. The Pearled Bow of 'ayaigansk.
H. Wallace to Byron, 1926.

* Myth of the house of wi-nem-lk, gitw-lg-ts XIV

'ayaigansk, gankada chief at gitxata^v, had an abalone inlaid bow which was the envy of all, and especially of widic, gankada chief of the gitxate't (a predecessor of ni-skot). widic went to gitxata to get the bow, but failed. He then invited 'ayaigansk to a large feast at g'a'du. The two chiefs here gave feasts in each other's honour. The next day widic asked ayaigansk for the bow so that he could use it at his ye'aku; this was refused. Another day he offered to purchase it; that too was refused. 'ayaigansk knew that now widic would kill him, and he gave the bow to one of his sons [prob. nephew is meant] gwali'ltk, and told him to take it to a haimas of the gitsi's and give it to him as a crest. The next time ayaigansk was invited to the house of widic, he was killed. gwali'ltk took the bow and fled into the hills.

widic tries to get
the pearled bow

He kills 'ayaigansk

scalp robe

gwali'ltk decided to take revenge. He hung the bow on a tree, and when someone came to take it he killed him and took his scalp. From the scalps he made a robe. From wearing this robe, he got an infection on the neck, (which is the origin of the name skemoc "rotten ear", in the house of winomlk). He murdered widic. He went to the gispaxlōts village and, where his sister was married to ni-s'awelp (laxskik), and when the latter gave him food and shelter, he presented him with three scalps from his robe (which explains why ni-s'awelp has the scalp robe). gwali'ltk then

sent his sister to bring haimas to receive the pearded bow. Haimas gathered his tribe and took coppers "which would be broken and given to all the people as bones of the dead 'ayaig.ansk". They saw gwoli'tk and bathed him, and [haimas :] took his robe and assumed the name of 'ayaig.ansk and broke his coppers. Then he took gwoli'tk (who was dying, presumably from the scalp infection), and brought him to gitxata.

From here he ['ayaig.ansk, formerly haimas :] and his family, including wi'nəmłk moved to gitg.a'atə, where they lived for a long time. Then they joined the Tsumshun at Metlakatla once more. Some went to the ginaxangik - 'aya'əg.ansk. wi'nəmłk went to the gitw.łgətə. wi'nəmłk and 'ayaig.ansk were of one house, and the head name of the house, in former times, was 'ayaig.ansk. It was later changed (in the gitw.łgətə section of the house) to wi'nəmłk

The ginaxangik part of this house became part of the house of tku'łisyən [former ganha'də chief of tribe, long extinct]

at gitg.a'atə, they ^{had been} were one royal house and the gispaw. house of laqax'nitsk was the other.